

LEGAL NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
USDA FOREST SERVICE
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, ASPEN-SOPRIS RANGER DISTRICT
EL JEBEL ADMINISTRATIVE SITE, UPPER PARCEL CONVEYANCE PROJECT

The USDA Forest Service (Forest Service) is conducting an analysis of the El Jebel Administrative Site, Upper Parcel Conveyance Project. This parcel is located on the Aspen-Sopris District of the White River National Forest near El Jebel, Colorado on the south side of Valley Road near Crown Mountain Park. The Forest Service proposes to convey, through sale or lease, the Upper Parcel at its administrative site as well as the associated water rights and mineral estate. For this project, the responsible official is the Regional Forester for the Rocky Mountain Region, or the Regional Director with authority delegated from the Regional Forester.

A Notice of Proposed Action for the El Jebel Administrative Site, Upper Parcel Conveyance Project is available upon request at the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District office, 620 Main St., Carbondale, CO 81623. This document is also available on the White River National Forest website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50663>. Additional information regarding this proposed action can also be obtained from Jennifer Schuller, Deputy District Ranger, at 970-404-3163 or by e-mail at jennifer.schuller@usda.gov.

The El Jebel Administrative Site, Upper Parcel Conveyance Project is an activity implementing a land management plan. This activity is subject to pre-decisional objections under subparts A and B of 36 CFR Part 218.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 218.25, comments on this proposed action will be accepted for 30 days beginning on the first day after the date of publication of this notice in the *Denver Post*, the newspaper of record. If the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday, comments will be accepted until the end of the next Federal working day. A timely submission will be determined as outlined in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(4). It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure timely receipt of any comments submitted.

The Responsible Official will consider all written comments received. However, in order for your comments to be most useful to the agency's preparation of the EA, and to retain your opportunity to be considered for possible eligibility to object to the draft decision later in the process, it's important that you provide your comments prior to the close of the scoping comment period and that you clearly articulate your concerns and contentions. Only individuals or entities (as defined by 36 CFR 218.2) who submit timely, specific written comments (as specified in 36 CFR 218.2) about this proposed action during this comment period established by the Responsible Official will be eligible to file an objection. The Responsible Official does not anticipate providing an additional opportunity to submit written comments other than this scoping period. Other eligibility requirements are specified in 36 CFR 218.25(a)(3) and include, among other requirements, the commenter's name, postal address, title of the proposed action, and signature or other verification of identity upon request and identification of the individual or entity who authored the comment(s). All written comments received by the Responsible Official, including names and addresses of commenters shall be placed in the project file and shall become a matter of public record for this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the Agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents.

Comments should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the Responsible Official to consider (36 CFR 218.2).

Written comments must be submitted via mail, electronically, or in person (Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) to: Scott Fitzwilliams, c/o Jennifer Schuller, 620 Main St., Carbondale, CO 81623. Electronic comments including attachments can be submitted to <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public/CommentInput?project=50663>. (please include “Comments on El Jebel Administrative Site, Upper Parcel Conveyance Project” in the subject line of your email) in order to be considered when making the final decision. Office hours, for those who wish to hand deliver their comments, are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, Monday – Friday (except Federal holidays). Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html e-mail, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications.

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